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# H. R. 2337

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. HUFFMAN (for himself, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. RYAN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Oversight and Reform, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

To provide for the upgrade of the vehicle fleet of the United States Postal Service, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Federal Leadership  
5       in Energy Efficient Transportation Act” or the “FLEET  
6       Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO ENERGY SAVINGS PER-**  
2 **FORMANCE CONTRACTS.**

3 Section 804(4) of the National Energy Conservation  
4 Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8287c(4)) is amended—

5 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking “or” after  
6 the semicolon;

7 (2) in subparagraph (B), by striking the period  
8 at the end and inserting “; or”; and

9 (3) by adding at the end the following new sub-  
10 paragraph:

11 “(C) in the case of a contract in which the  
12 United States Postal Service is a party—

13 “(i) the purchase or lease of low emis-  
14 sion and fuel efficient vehicles, including  
15 electric vehicles;

16 “(ii) a measure to upgrade a vehicle  
17 owned, operated, leased, or otherwise con-  
18 trolled by or assigned to the United States  
19 Postal Service to increase average fuel  
20 economy and reduce the emissions of car-  
21 bon dioxide of such vehicle; or

22 “(iii) the construction or maintenance  
23 of infrastructure, including electric vehicle  
24 charging stations, to support vehicles de-  
25 scribed in clauses (i) and (ii).”.

1 **SEC. 3. AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO UTILITY ENERGY**  
 2 **SERVICE CONTRACTS.**

3 Section 546 of the National Energy Conservation  
 4 Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 8256) is amended in subsection  
 5 (c)(1) by inserting “(including measures to support the  
 6 use of low emission and fuel efficient vehicles owned, oper-  
 7 ated, leased, or otherwise controlled by or assigned to the  
 8 United States Postal Service and measures to support con-  
 9 struction and maintenance of infrastructure to support  
 10 such vehicles, including electric vehicle charging stations)”  
 11 after “demand”.

12 **SEC. 4. UPGRADE OF POSTAL FLEET.**

13 (a) POSTAL FLEET REQUIREMENTS.—

14 (1) MOTOR VEHICLE STANDARDS.—The Post-  
 15 master General may not award a contract for a con-  
 16 tracted vehicle, or purchase or lease a motor vehicle  
 17 for use by the Postal Service, unless, at a min-  
 18 imum—

19 (A) in the case of a passenger car, the car  
 20 meets—

21 (i) with respect to emissions of carbon  
 22 dioxide, the more stringent of—

23 (I) the applicable standards de-  
 24 veloped by the Environmental Protec-  
 25 tion Agency under title II of the Clean  
 26 Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7521 et seq.); or

1 (II) on average, less than 191  
2 grams per mile; and

3 (ii) with respect to average fuel econ-  
4 omy, the more stringent of—

5 (I) the applicable average fuel  
6 economy standards developed by the  
7 National Highway Traffic Safety Ad-  
8 ministration under chapter 329 of  
9 title 49, United States Code; or

10 (II) 43.7 miles per gallon;

11 (B) in the case of a light truck, the truck  
12 meets—

13 (i) with respect to emissions of carbon  
14 dioxide, the more stringent of—

15 (I) the applicable standards de-  
16 veloped by the Environmental Protec-  
17 tion Agency under title II of the Clean  
18 Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7521 et seq.); or

19 (II) on average, less than 269  
20 grams per mile; and

21 (ii) with respect to average fuel econ-  
22 omy, the more stringent of—

23 (I) the applicable average fuel  
24 economy standards developed by the  
25 National Highway Traffic Safety Ad-

1                   ministration under chapter 329 of  
2                   title 49, United States Code; or

3                   (II) 31.3 miles per gallon; and

4                   (C) in the case of a medium-duty or heavy-  
5                   duty vehicle, the vehicle complies with applica-  
6                   ble standards—

7                   (i) for emissions of carbon dioxide de-  
8                   veloped by the Environmental Protection  
9                   Agency under title II of the Clean Air Act  
10                  (42 U.S.C. 7521 et seq.); and

11                  (ii) for average fuel economy devel-  
12                  oped by the National Highway Traffic  
13                  Safety Administration under chapter 329  
14                  of title 49, United States Code.

15                  (2) APPLICABILITY.—The standards described  
16                  in paragraph (1) shall apply to contracted vehicles  
17                  and motor vehicles purchased or leased for use by  
18                  the Postal Service after the date that is 1 year after  
19                  the date of enactment of this Act.

20                  (3) REDUCTION IN CONSUMPTION OF PETRO-  
21                  LEUM PRODUCTS.—The Postmaster General shall  
22                  reduce the total consumption of petroleum products  
23                  by motor vehicles in the Postal fleet by a minimum  
24                  of 2 percent annually through the end of fiscal year

1       2029, relative to the baseline established for fiscal  
2       year 2005.

3       (b) REPLACING VEHICLES WITHIN THE POSTAL  
4 FLEET.—The Postmaster General shall conduct a cost-  
5 benefit analysis of motor vehicles in the Postal fleet to  
6 determine if the cost to maintain any such vehicle out-  
7 weighs the benefit or savings of replacing the vehicle.

8       (c) ROUTE REQUIREMENTS.—To inform and priori-  
9 tize purchases, the Postmaster General shall review and  
10 identify Postal delivery routes, including geography and  
11 types of motor vehicles that could be used on such routes,  
12 to determine if motor vehicles used on such routes can  
13 be replaced with motor vehicles that use technologies that  
14 increase average fuel economy or reduce emissions of car-  
15 bon dioxide.

16       (d) REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.—The Postmaster  
17 General shall submit a report to Congress—

18               (1) not later than 1 year after the date of en-  
19 actment of this Act, that contains a plan to achieve  
20 the requirements of subsection (a) and recommenda-  
21 tions for vehicle body design specifications for motor  
22 vehicles purchased for the Postal fleet that would in-  
23 crease average fuel economy and reduce emissions of  
24 carbon dioxide of any such vehicle; and

25               (2) annually, that describes—

1 (A) the progress in meeting the annual  
2 target described in subsection (a)(3); and

3 (B) any changes to Postal delivery routes  
4 or motor vehicle purchase strategies made pur-  
5 suant to subsection (c).

6 (e) RESTRICTIONS.—To meet the requirements of  
7 this Act, the Postmaster General may not—

8 (1) reduce the frequency of delivery of mail to  
9 fewer than 6 days each week;

10 (2) close post offices or postal distribution fa-  
11 cilities;

12 (3) take any action that would restrict or di-  
13 minish a collective bargaining agreement or elimi-  
14 nate or reduce any employee benefits; or

15 (4) enter into a contract with a private com-  
16 pany to perform duties that, as of the date of enact-  
17 ment of this Act, are performed by bargaining unit  
18 employees.

19 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

20 In this Act, the following definitions apply:

21 (1) CONTRACTED VEHICLE.—The term “con-  
22 tracted vehicle”—

23 (A) means any motor vehicle used in car-  
24 rying out a contract for surface mail delivery

1           pursuant to section 5005(a)(3) of title 39,  
2           United States Code; and

3           (B) does not include any motor vehicle  
4           used in carrying out a contract for surface mail  
5           delivery pursuant to sections 406 and 407 of  
6           such title.

7           (2) MOTOR VEHICLE.—The term “motor vehi-  
8           cle” means any self-propelled vehicle designed for  
9           transporting persons or property on a street or high-  
10          way.

11          (3) POSTAL DELIVERY ROUTE.—The term  
12          “Postal delivery route” means the transportation  
13          route for surface mail delivery.

14          (4) POSTAL FLEET.—The term “Postal fleet”  
15          means any vehicle that is owned, operated, leased, or  
16          otherwise controlled by or assigned to the Postal  
17          Service.

18          (5) POSTAL SERVICE.—The term “Postal Serv-  
19          ice” means the United States Postal Service.

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